

Celebrating 100 Years



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Capital Improvement Projects Update

by: John Powell, City Engineer

Safety Harbor Celebrates 100 Years

January kicks off Safety Harbor's year-long celebration of the City's Centennial! Throughout the year, there will be 100 days of events hosted by the City, local businesses and organizations. Exhibits at the Museum and Cultural Center will highlight different eras in Safety Harbor's history, in addition to special programs like the premiere of six new *Safety Harbor Stories*.

To keep up with all that's going on throughout Safety Harbor's Centennial year, check out SafetyHarbor100.com, and don't forget to like the City on Facebook to get other fun facts and trivia.

This celebration has been 100 years in the making, and you won't want to miss out!

Additional Homestead Exemption for Qualifying Seniors

by: June Solanes, Finance Director

In November 2016, The City of Safety Harbor City Commission adopted an ordinance amending the senior homestead exemption to include an additional homestead exemption for low-income seniors who maintain long-term residency on their property.

If the owner meets the age and low-income requirement for the Senior Exemption, the owner may also qualify for the additional exemption of up to 100% of the assessed value of the property if the just value of the property is less than \$250,000 and the property has been the owner's permanent residence for at least 25 years.

For more information, please see the Pinellas County Property Appraiser website at www.pcpao.org under Exemptions, followed by Seniors – Long Term Residency.

Waterfront Park Phase 2

The second phase of construction of Waterfront is ongoing. Brazilian Peppers and other nuisance species have been removed and grading that will allow for wetland plantings and propagation of mangroves is complete. Boardwalk construction that will traverse the wetlands and cross Mullet Creek is approximately 40% complete.

Installation of a 10' concrete sidewalk, grass parking and storm sewer is underway. Planting of the wetland is scheduled for February 2017. Project is to be complete in February 2017. An aerial video of the Waterfront Park can be found online at: https://youtu.be/_I0aWAX4hO4



Mullet Creek Bridge Improvements

Improvements to the pedestrian corridor on Mullet Creek Bridge at Philippe Parkway are almost complete. Storm drainage has been installed in the southeast area of the bridge. Bollards have been removed and replaced with wooden railings. The roadway has been resurfaced and decorative paving installation is complete. Construction is to be complete in December 2016 with exception of staining of the wood railing that is to occur by May 2017.

Mayor's Award of Excellence

by: Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director

At the December 6, 2016, City Commission meeting, Mayor Steingold presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to the Safety Harbor Elementary School, located at 535 5th Avenue N. In 2015/2016, the school's principal, Cecelia Palmer led multiple projects to beautify the campus including landscaping and public art, add a secured bicycle parking area, and screen maintenance/equipment areas. Several areas of the campus, including the front entrance, east gate entrance, car and bus staging areas, and pre-K recess areas were enhanced as part of this project. Pinellas County School Board awarded the school a beautification grant to fund the improvements. The Mayor's Award of Excellence is presented twice a year, in the spring and fall, to recognize the efforts of property owners to beautify and enhance their property.



Museum & Cultural Center

329 Bayshore Blvd. S
727-724-1562

Zen Brush Art

Tuesdays, 10am–12pm
1/10–1/31, 2/7–2/28
Adults, \$64

Watercolor Wonders

Tuesdays, 1–3pm
1/10–1/31, 2/7–2/28
Adults, \$60

Improv Afterschool

Wednesdays, 3:30–5:15pm
1/11–1/25, \$30
2/1–2/22, \$40
Ages: 8–15

Collage Creations

Thursdays, 1–3pm
1/12–1/26, \$45
Adults

Drawing Basics for Teens

Thursdays, 6–7:30pm
1/12–2/16, \$60
Ages: 13–18

Drawing Basics for Adults

Thursdays, 7:30–9pm
1/12–2/16, \$60
Adults

Intuitive Painting with Saori Murphy

Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30pm
1/24–1/31, \$30
2/7–2/28 (no class: 2/14), \$45
Adults

Painting with Picasso

Tuesdays, 1/31 & 2/28, 6–8pm
Adults, \$64 per class

Engineers & Seafarers:

Archaeology of the Tocobaga

Wednesday, 1/25, 6:30–7:30pm
All Ages, Free

School's Day Out

Monday, 2/20, 7:30am–6pm
Ages: K–5, \$50

All listed programs take place at the Museum

Friends of the Safety Harbor Library Scholarship

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



The Friends of the Safety Harbor Library, a non-profit library support organization, announces a \$1,500 educational scholarship opportunity for a student positively influenced by libraries. High school seniors residing in the City of Safety Harbor, or who have volunteered at the Safety Harbor Public Library, graduating from a Pinellas County public, private high school, or homeschool in June 2017 are eligible to apply.

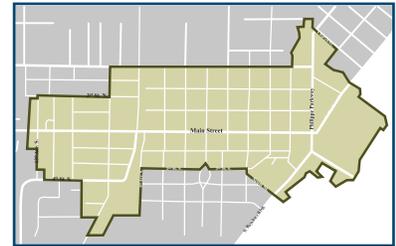
Information and applications are available online at FriendsSafetyHarborLibrary.org. Applications are due by Friday, March 31, 2017, 5:00 pm. A 350-word essay describing how libraries have helped to achieve academic goals and influenced their personal life along with application and high school transcript are required. Completed applications can be dropped off or mailed to the Safety Harbor Public Library.

In other library news, the Safety Harbor Library Foundation invites you to Johnny Mercer & Friends, an evening of jazz featuring songs from the Great American Song book with Christiana Drapkin and her quartet, on Thursday, January 26, 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$12. For more information, visit www.SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org.

Downtown Partnership Grants Available

by: Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director

The City of Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is offering a spring Downtown Partnership grant cycle to encourage improvements to building facades, interior renovations, and landscaping in downtown. Matching grants are available for commercial and residential properties within the Community Redevelopment District (see boundary map). Grant categories include: building facade, front porch, fencing/walls, new signage, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, public art/murals, landscaping and dumpster enclosure. Since 2009, the CRA has distributed over \$300,000 in Downtown Partnership grants funds to over 85 recipients.



The CRA added a new commercial grant category this spring for interior renovation and/or new non-residential building. Retail sale establishments, retail food establishments, microbreweries, and sit down eating establishments are eligible for this grant. Grants for other uses may be considered by the Community Redevelopment Agency. The maximum grant amount for this new category is \$15,000 per project, with the total maximum allocation of \$45,000 per budget year.

To apply for a matching grant, please submit an application to the Community Development department by April 17, 2017. Staff will review the applications and notify grant recipients if the grant is approved. Work may begin after notification that the grant was approved. Reimbursement is provided after the work is completed and documentation is provided to the City.

If you live in, operate a business, or own land in downtown, please consider participating. Feel free to call staff to discuss potential ways of enhancing your property. For more information, contact Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director, at mstenmark@cityofsafetyharbor.com or visit the City of Safety Harbor web site for a Downtown Partnership Grant application packet (<http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/105/Application-Forms>).

Community Calendar

See More Events online at www.cityofsafetyharbor.com

January

City Meetings (All Meetings @ City Hall)

- 3 - City Commission Meeting, 7:30pm
- 10 - Library Advisory Committee (Library), 7pm
- 11 - Board of Appeals, 6:30pm
- 11 - Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30pm
- 12 - Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30pm
- 16 - City Offices Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- 17 - City Commission Meeting, 7:30pm
- 18 - Code Enforcement Board, 7pm
- 19 - Candidate Forum, 6pm

Special Events

- 11 - Natural Florida (Museum), 6pm
- 14 - Imagination Box (City Park), 10am
- 20 - 3rd Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6pm
- 31 - Senior Expo: Healthy to 100 (Community Center) 10am
- Sundays - Market on Main Street (Gazebo), 10am

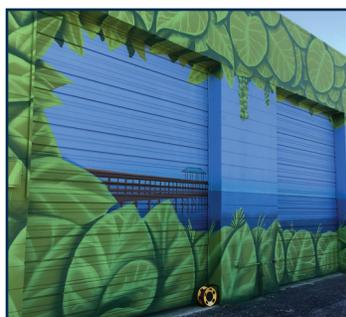
Library (All Events @ Safety Harbor Library)

- 3 - Music with Mar, 10am
- 5 - AARP Driver Safety Course, 10am – 4pm
- 5 - Teen Library Advisory Board Meeting, 5pm
- 6 - Tween Game On! , 4:30pm
- 8 - Paws for Friendship, 2pm
- 10 - Preschool Movie, 10:30am
- 14 - Read & Reflect Book Club, 11:30am
- 14 - iPad Basics, 2:30pm
- 17 - Tween Craft: Button Making, 5:30pm
- 19 - All American Total Solar Eclipse, 6:30pm
- 20 - 3rd Friday After-hours Party, 6pm
- 21 - iPad Beyond the Basics, 2:30pm
- 23 - Intro to the Ukulele, 6:30pm
- 24 - Tween Fear Factor: Gross Foods, 5pm
- 24 - Tim Dorsey's Clownfish Blues, 6:30pm
- 25 - Pirate & Princess Story Time Party, 10:30am
- 26 - Johnny Mercer & Friends, 6:30pm
- 28 - Dream Workshop, 1pm
- 31 - Teen Cookbook Club, 5:30pm

New Public Art around the Harbor...



South Wall of Parks & Building Maintenance
by: Tanya Pistillo



East Wall of Parks & Building Maintenance
by: Derek Donnelly, JL Oleson, & Carlito Culb



Florida Natural Species
Mullet Creek Park Art walls
by: Beth Warmath



Odet Philippe
Corner of Main St & Philippe Pkwy
by: Nancy Mitchell

February

City Meetings (All Meetings @ City Hall)

- 6 - City Commission Workshop, 6pm
- 6 - City Commission Meeting, 7:30pm
- 8 - Board of Appeals, 6:30pm
- 8 - Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30pm
- 9 - Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30pm
- 14 - Library Advisory Committee (Library), 7pm
- 15 - Code Enforcement Board, 7pm
- 20 - City Commission, 7:30pm

Special Events

- 3 - Best Damn Race Expo (Marina), 12pm
- 4 - Best Damn Race (Marina), 8am
- 11 - Folk & Fruit Brew Fest (Waterfront Park), 12pm
- 11 - Daddy Daughter Date Night (Community Center), 6pm
- 15 - Black History Coffee Talk (Museum), 10:30am
- 17 - 3rd Friday Music Series (Main Street), 6pm
- 18-19 - San Gennaro (Marina), 11am
- 25 - Centennial Scavenger Hunt (Downtown), 1pm
- Sundays - Market on Main Street (Gazebo), 10am

Library (All Events @ Safety Harbor Library)

- 2 - Super Charging Your Etsy Store, 6:30pm
- 3 - Tween Game On!, 4:30pm
- 4 - Book-a-Trip: Culture & Crafts for Kids, 11am
- 7 - Music with Mar, 10am
- 11 - Read & Reflect Book Club, 11:30am
- 12 - FL Suncoast Chorus, 2pm
- 14 - Preschool Movie, 10:30am
- 14 - Tween Craft, 5:30pm
- 15 - Creative Writers Group & Story Circle, 6pm
- 17 - 3rd Friday After-Hours Party, 6pm
- 18 - Yoga @ the Library, 11am
- 21 - Preschool Story Yoga, 10:30am
- 22 - Family Bingo & Game Night, 6pm
- 23 - Tween and Teen Creative Writing Workshop, 5:30pm
- 24 - Tween Chess Club, 4pm
- 28 - Collective Coloring for Adults, 6:30pm

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Andy Zodrow, Vice Mayor
Carlos Diaz, Commissioner
Janet Hooper, Commissioner
Cliff Merz, Commissioner
Matthew Spoor, City Manager

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Fire Station #53: 727-724-1536
Library: 727-724-1525
Museum & Cultural Ctr.: 727-724-1562
Public Works: 727-724-1550
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Flood Zone Information

The City of Safety Harbor is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program/Community Rating System (NFIP/CRS). We offer FEMA flood map determinations on property located in the city. Elevation certificates, if available, may be obtained through the Building Department. For more information regarding this program, please contact the City of Safety Harbor at 727-724-1555.



Illicit Discharge

What is illicit discharge? The word illicit means not legally permitted, unlicensed, and unlawful. Some examples of illicit discharge include solvents, oil or grease, trash, and grass clippings that are washed down storm drains.



If you see any unlawful dumping or illicit discharges taking place into our stormwater system, please do not approach the person, instead contact the City at 727-724-1555, and speak to our Code Enforcement Officer for handling.



Remember... Only Rain Down the Drain!



Election News

Candidate Forum:

Thursday, January 19, 2017 • City Hall, 750 Main St.
Forum: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Meet and Greet the Candidates: 6:00 p.m.

Voter Registration Deadline: February 13, 2017

Municipal Election: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Pick up the new REAL Magazine!



Available at:

- City Hall
- Community Center
- Library
- Museum
- Rigsby Center

SafetyHarborRecreation.com